

**Hingham High School PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday April 7, 2016**  
**9:30 am**

**Present:** Libby Lewiecki, President, Barbie Dwyer, Vice President, Claudia Eaton, Co-Treasurer, Laurie Freeman, Secretary, Michelle Ayer, Class Parent 2016, Lisa Patterson, Class Parent 2017, Dana Donnelly, Weekly Bulletin, Rick Swanson, Assistant Principal.

**Assistant Principal's Report:**

Discussion regarding verbal harassment of student actors during school assembly by a small group in student audience. Climate Committee created to address issue of respect around gender, dating issues. Headed up by Ben Louchheim, social studies teacher, the committee is open to all, students, teachers and administrators. They are tasked to explore ways to improve respect toward girls on campus. Working on slogans. PTO offered to help where requested. Discussion about having Anti-Defamation League involved, perhaps offering peer mentoring.

Just completed another (5<sup>th</sup> Annual) successful Green Week full of activities to raise awareness around environmental issues in a fun and educational format. Feature film was "Kombit" regarding Haiti deforestation and effort to replace 5 million trees. The week included:

- HHS Alum Michael Page, meteorologist at NECN on Climate Change
- Meatless Mondays to reduce carbon footprint
- Treeless Tuesdays with paperless lessons
- Waste not Wednesday, Acquarion sponsored quiz on water conservation
- Switch it off Thursday with electricity free lessons
- Fossil Free Friday encouraging students to bike or carpool to school

All these events involved competitions and/or drawings with gift card prizes.

**Treasurer's Report**

Announced that 2 members will attend PTO Today expo offering fundraising ideas and products for PTOs – events focus on PTO activities, class parent, treasurer, communication and media – fee is \$10 per person, April 12, 9-2pm. Others PTO members welcome to join.

- (a) Senior night - \$840 deposited for Senior Night so far
- (b) History day (\$500) added into proposed budget
- (c) 150 students registered (out of 225) for Senior Night

**Secretary's Report**

February and March meeting minutes approved.

## **New Business**

### **Bylaws**

- (a) New position on board – Senior Night Chair - discussion tabled on whether Finance Co-Chair is Executive Committee member, make decision by next meeting

### **Proposed budget for next year**

- discussed proposed audit – apparently not required if budget not over \$500,000
- printed application for 501(c)3 handed out
- added \$500 for history day to next year's budget
- Spirit Committee – \$1200 budgeted for this year not spent because no teacher was found to supervise. Previous years Spirit had no PTO funds. Decision made to budget \$50 for Spirit for next year.
- tabled discussion on budget and carryover until next month

